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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Regarding Summer Food Service Week

The State Board of Education is being asked to approve a resolution declaring June 4-10, 2006, as Summer Food Service Week.

The Michigan Department of Education administers the Summer Food Service Program. Through an official resolution, the State Board of Education will celebrate and promote the Summer Food Service Week. Far too few students have access to and participate in summer meals. The 2006 Summer Food Service Week resolution urges this vital component of the nutrition safety net be available in poor communities.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution regarding Summer Food Service Week, June 4-10, 2006, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 24, 2006.

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State of Michigan  
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**RESOLUTION**  
**SUMMER FOOD SERVICE WEEK**  
June 4 – 10, 2006

**WHEREAS, for more than two months every year schools close their doors for summer vacation, and as a result hundreds of thousands of Michigan children who depend on school meals to meet a substantial amount of their daily nutrient needs lack access to school nutrition programs; and**

**WHEREAS, this lack of access to basic nutrition is most pronounced among the State's poorest children, who frequently have no alternative to school meals; and**

**WHEREAS, Congress established the Summer Food Service Program to ensure that children can continue to receive nutritious midday meals on school playgrounds and in parks, camps, and other sites where they traditionally gather during summer vacation; and**

**WHEREAS, far too few children take advantage of this important program, which serves fewer than 15 percent of the children who receive free and reduced-price meals during the school year; and**

**WHEREAS, to address this situation, the Michigan Department of Education has been working actively to increase the number of eligible schools, community and faith-based organizations, and other sponsors who offer the program to their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, in recognition of the important efforts of organizations sponsoring summer meals programs, to heighten public awareness of the benefits of summer meals for poor communities, and to encourage additional eligible sponsors to participate, communities are called upon to recognize the important achievements of schools and organizations that sponsor summer meal programs and to ensure that children and their parents are aware of this benefit; and**

**WHEREAS, the State Board of Education strongly urges eligible schools and organizations to make this vital component of the nutrition safety net available in their communities; now therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education proclaims June 4-10, 2006 as Summer Food Service Week; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That Summer Food Service be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our state's Summer Food Service Program; and be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Michigan citizens to become more aware of the importance of Summer Food Service Programs and their role in the educational environment.**